# VARIOUS STONE PLATES OF FRENCH ORIGIN AT YANAM

- Curton found Yanam in 1723 while searching a place to establish a trading post on the Coramandal coast.  George Sala the last chief of Yanam left Yanam in 1954 when the Liberation movement took its peak pace.

- In between these two historic events many French people used to visit Yanam for trade or as employees of French Government. A few made Yanam as their permanent residence.  A few others breathed their last there.

- **The relics of their rock presence can be seen at Yanam in the form of many head stones, memory plates or foundation stones.**

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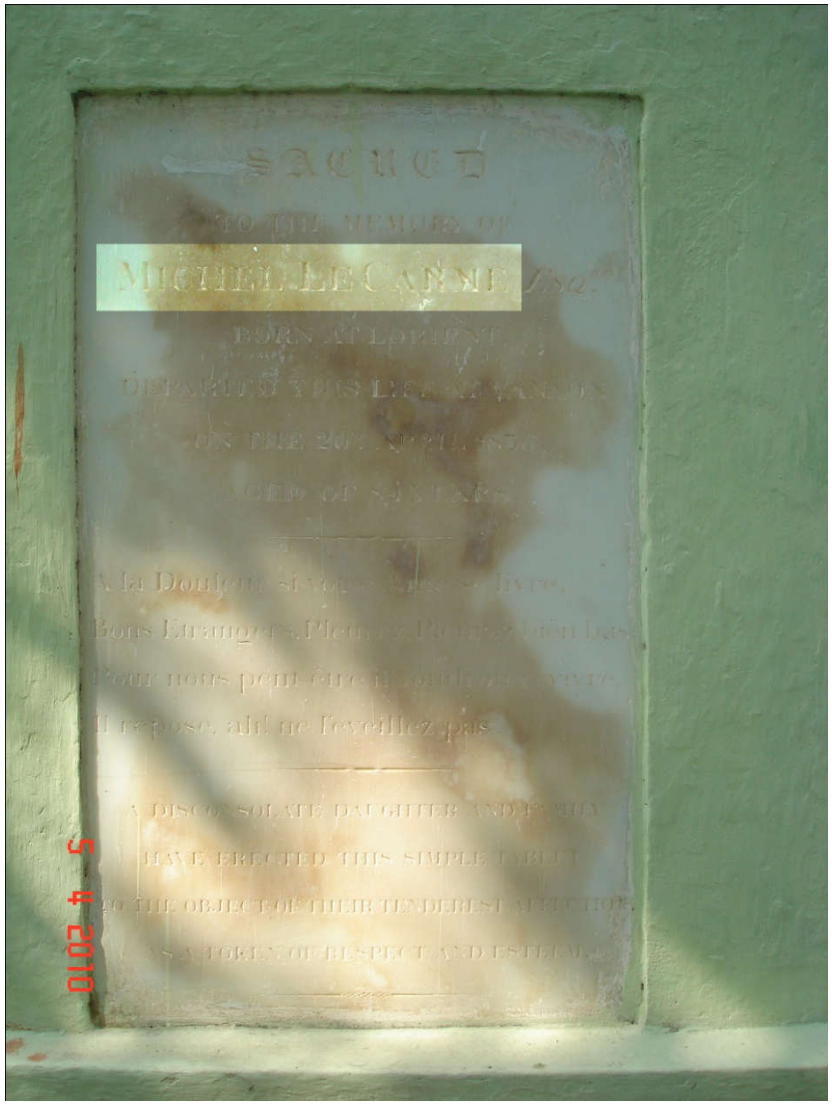
# **Barbara leBon de Beausang (**1744- 1768)

Here lies, whom we expect to be ressurrected
Highest Lady Barbara LeBon de Beausang
Noble wife of the now dead Berticlign de la Motte
Most diligent, of the moral scruples,
Unequaled, distinguished and of piety
Well spoken of sweetness, beautiful
Richly endowed, who fled derision
Born the year of our Lord 1744 in
the month of September, 25th day,
died 1768, the 12th day of October.

You who reads this
Give abundantly
of your prayers and remember her.

(With due thanks to **Madam Jane Gofer**, Rtd.Prof, America for her translation to English)

# Michel Le Canne (1771-1856)




This memory plate was erected by the daughter of Le Canne at the back side of the church.
Le Canne was born at Lorient in France. He came to Yanam at the age of 18 years and died there at 84 years.

He is seen in the history of Yanam as an young and self esteemed active merchant.

# Sisters of Saint-Joseph of Lyon

To install the principles of equality fraternity and freedom thorough the system of education, four sisters of Saint-Joseph of Lyon arrived at Yanam on 5th December 1849.

Among these four sisters, superior Sister Claire died at Yanam. Later on many sisters joined as teachers.

There is a memory plate in the French cemeteries of Yanam, showing names of 5 such sisters who served as teachers at Yanam.

# C A Senecal (?? – 1846)

His full name is collixte Amable senecal. He was a ship captain.
By marrying the widow of Michel Rayneau who had been a rich merchant of Yanam,Senecal settled at Yanam.

An interesting episode about him can be found in the court judgments of Yanam that reveals his character.

# Charles Pithois (??-1820)

Pithois family was one of the oldest families of Yanam that lived since 1790's.
This family ruined financially and disappeared into oblivion because of it's over kindness and honesty.

Pithois was a doctor professionally. He also did cloth bleaching business.

# Jacobus Martin (1802-1846)

In the church of Yanam there is memory plate of Jacobus Martin. He was born at Sabaria in Italy.

He was deputed from Visakhapatnam to Yanam as there was no rector then.

He came to Yanam in 1845 and unfortunately died the next year.

# F. Pierre and Family

This stone plate is found in the French cemetery.

There are three names associated with Pierre family in the history of Yanam

1. *Felicite Pierre valere Hugot*
2. *Charles Joseph Pierre*
3. *Amele Pierre*

# Jean Etienne Gonzales de Linares (1779-??)

- From the details of the plate, she was born in Spain (Espagne) in 1779 and died at Injaram a British territory 4 kilometers away from Yanam.

# Jean Baptiste Bouchez (1761-1826)

He was one of the oldest traders of Yanam. Faure, Rayneau, Sauvaget, Pithois, Dulaurens, Barret were his contemporaries.

Superior Council of Pondicherry appointed him to look after the businesses of French East India company company, though an order dated 17th September, 1785.

# Paul Bouchez ?

This plate is situated in the cemeteries. This is partially damaged.

The name in the plate can be read as Paul Bo….. only.

That name may be Paul Bouchez.

# Rev.Pere J.J. Delaveney

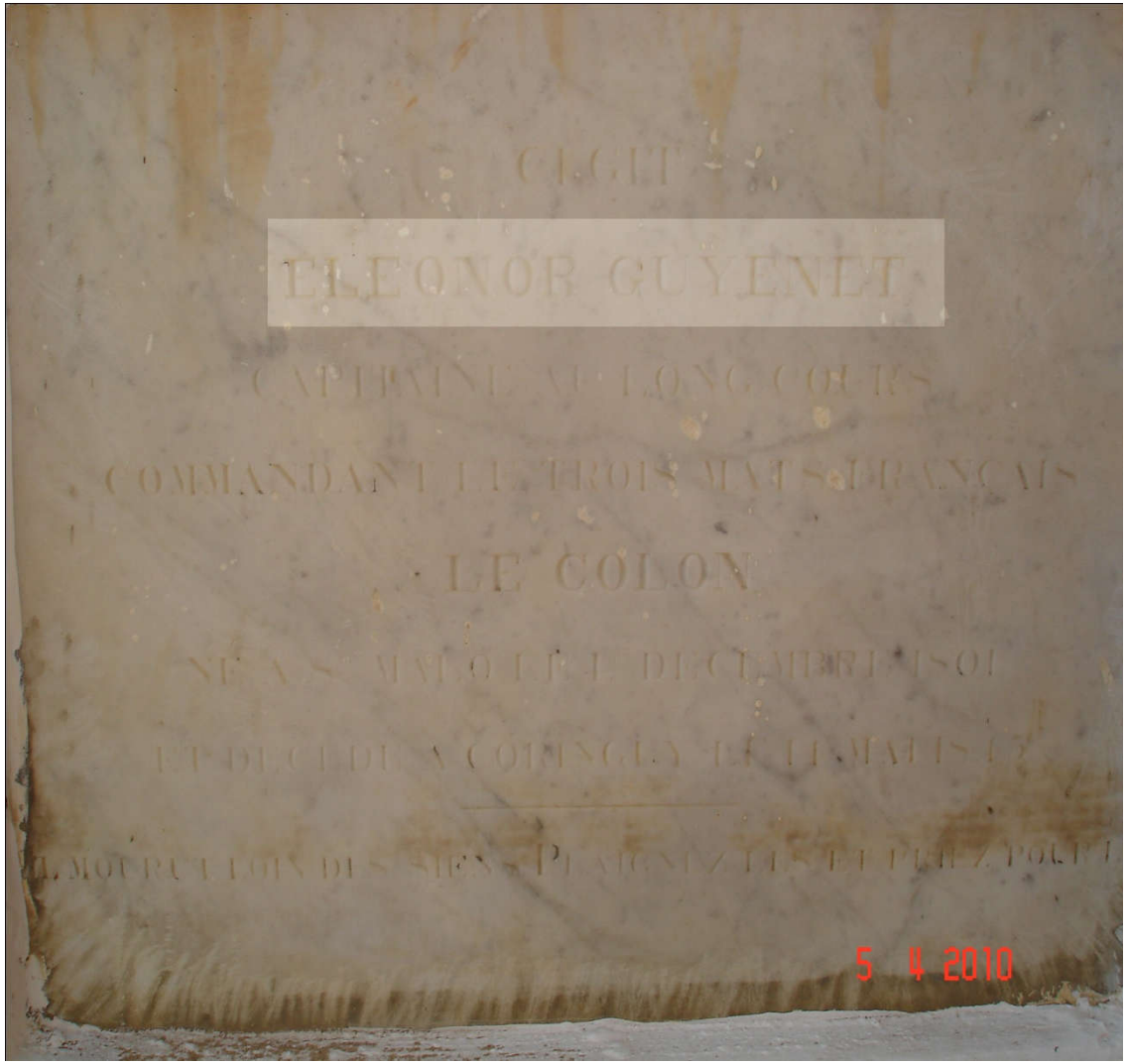
He was born at Desengy in France in 1820 and died at Yanam on 21st May, 1863. He was a church father.
He belonged to annese Dionese division of Roman cathelics.
His full name is father John Jaques Delaveney.

# Paul Feltz

He was born at Strasbourg of France in 1861 and died at Yanam on 23rd april, 1917.
At the time of his death he was working as judge in Yanam court. He came to Yanam on 6th April 1915.

Prior to it he worked as assistant judge at Chandranagur.

# Eleonor Guyenet




He was the Captain of the ship named Le Colon. He died on 11th May, 1845 at Corangi which was a prominent port in those times, situated around 10 kilometers away from Yanam.

He was born at Malo of France which is still a famous port.

He worked as commander for three mast ships

# Michel Allard

He was born at Megeve in France.
He was student of theology. He died here at an age of 24 years.

# Micot de Lacombe

It can be understood from this cemetery plate that de Lacombe died at the age of 87 years.

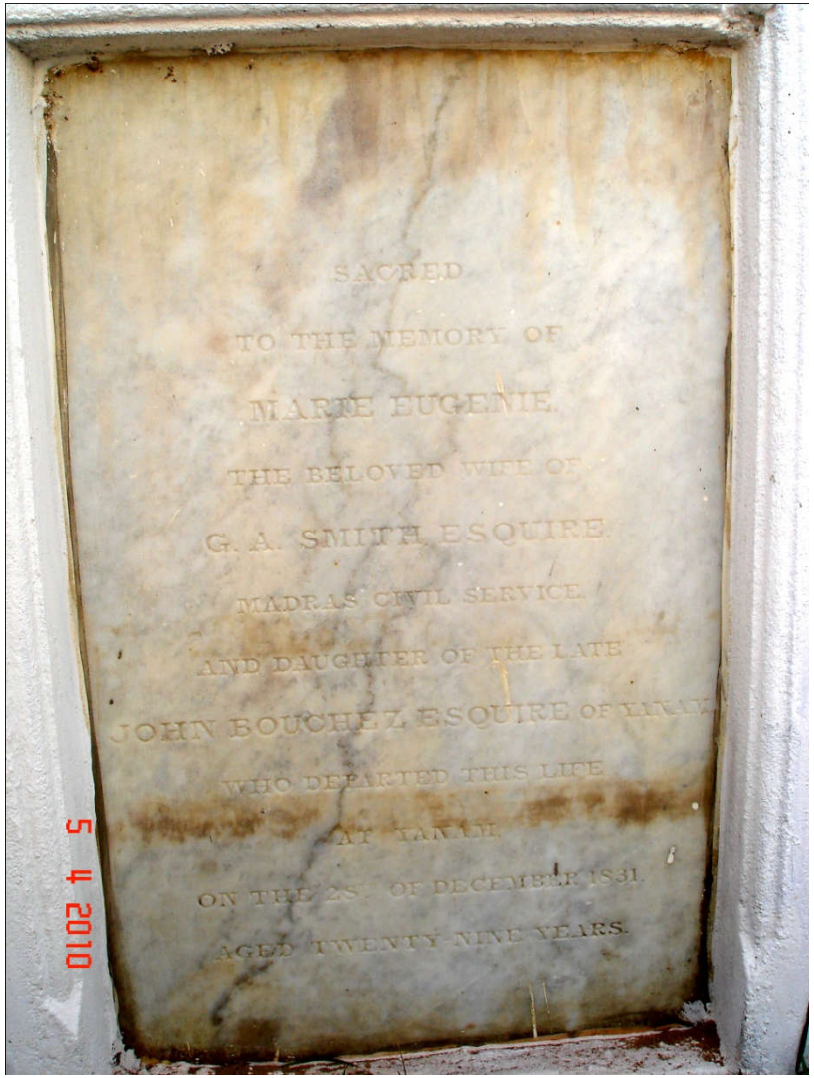
He was a famous ship building merchant of Yanam.

# Victor Simonel (1895-1917)

This is found inside Yanam church.

It is placed in memory of a 22 year young French soldier who fought heroically in the war and died.

# Marie Eugenie




This plate is found in French cemetaries. This unique in the sense that the details are written in English script.

She was daughter of John Bouchez who was a famous merchant then.

# Everiste Heloury

This plate is found on the backside of Yanam church.

It is put in in memory of a four year old child named Heloury who was born at Pondicherry and died at Yanam on 6th May, 1839.

# Foundation stone of French Bridge at Yanam

Madras Governor Viscount Goschen laid foundation stone on 10th December, 1927

# Inauguration stone of French Bridge at Yanam

On 30th July 1932 yanam Administrator Paul Tomasini inaugurated the bridge

# Thank You Very Much

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